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STATE MUSEUM CHIEF CURATOR SEARCH EXTENDED

The recruitment period for Chief Curator for the Alaska State Museum has been extended once again. The new closing date is now 8/6/2009 at 5pm. If you have already applied, you do not need to apply again. If you haven't applied yet, now is your chance. See Workplace Alaska at <http://workplace.alaska.gov> for full job listing and application instructions.

NEW NARA-ANCHORAGE BUILDING IN DOUBT

An article in the 6/28/2009 edition of the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* indicated that federal support has slipped for a new National Archives (NARA) building in Anchorage. The article is available at <http://newsminer.com/news/2009/jun/28/archives-building-anchorage-limbo/> and quotes National Archives project manager Richard Judson as saying the building project is being reassessed. For more information about NARA's helpful field office in Anchorage, please visit <http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/anchorage/>.

CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES WITH PROLOGUE

Prologue is the official newsletter of the National Archives and Records Administration. The summer 2009 issue of *Prologue* celebrates and documents the 75th anniversary of NARA. See <http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2009/summer/> for more.

ASM SCIENCE ON A SPHERE HIGHLIGHTED BY CAPWEEK

The 6/3/2009 issue of the *Capital City Weekly* highlighted the two Science on a Sphere installations in Juneau. One of these installations is at the Alaska State Museum. Science on a Sphere is a new way to visualize science datasets from Earth and beyond. There are only 37 installations in the world and two of them are in Juneau. The *Capital City Weekly* article may be found at http://capitalcityweekly.com/stories/060309/new_446659626.shtml. More information about Science on a Sphere including a 2-D representation of most of the datasets can be found at <http://sos.noaa.gov/>.

A TOTEM FOR HAINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

The 6/4/2009 issue of the *Chilkat Valley News* reported on a project to provide the Haines Public Library (<http://www.haineslibrary.org/>) with a 20 foot totem pole that will tell the story of the Haines Public Library. The project is a partnership between the Library and the Chilkoot Indian Association. According to the article, the project is being led by veteran carver Jim Heaton and includes five young Native carvers. Photos of the project can be found on the HPL web site.

NEW ANTIQUE AUTO MUSEUM

A 6/9/2009 editorial in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* highlighted the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum (<http://www.fountainheadhotels.com/auto/>). It notes that many of the pre-WWII autos will be available for rides on the museum grounds. The paper expresses hope this new museum will become “a favorite spot for locals and visitors alike.”

100 YEAR OLD RADIO ON DISPLAY IN KODIAK

The 5/26/2009 issue of the *Kodiak Daily Mirror* reported on a new find for the Kodiak Military Museum (<http://www.kodiak.org/museum/museum.html>). The Museum has acquired a 1917 US Navy quenched gap spark transmitter and early direct conversion receiver. It was DC powered and produced a signal output between 250 and 500 watts. According to the newspaper, the radio set was found northwest of Port Bailey.

INSPIRED BY MUSIC AT PAGE MUSEUM IN WASILLA

This from the Page Museum in Wasilla: You are invited to attend our opening reception for Instruments as Art on Saturday July 11, 2009 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Dorothy G. Page Museum. This exhibit features hand-made and historic musical instruments as well as artwork depicting musical themes. The exhibit runs July 10 - August 15, 2009.

Instruments as Art is our prelude exhibit to New Harmonies: A Celebration of American Roots Music opening August 24, 2009. This Smithsonian Institute and Museums on Mainstreet exhibit showcases the roots of American Music. The interactive displays invite you to listen to the roots of Gospel, Country, Blues and Folk music. The exhibit runs August 24 - October 30, 2009.

New Harmonies is brought to Alaska courtesy of the Alaska Humanities Forum and sponsored by Rasmuson Foundation and Lynden Transport. The exhibit opened in Kodiak and traveled to Haines before arriving in Wasilla.

For more information, please contact the museum at (907) 373-9071 or visit online at www.cityofwasilla.com/museum.

ATTEND COLLECTIONS CONUNDRUMS FREE IN FAIRBANKS AND WASILLA

Also from the Page Museum: Join experienced colleagues in a practical review of collection issues made more difficult by dwindling resources, energy and time. Topics to be covered include institutional guidelines, processing incoming objects, accessioning, legal problem-solving, and keeping track of collections.

Come armed with your toughest collection conundrums and your best efforts to "stump the experts."

Join your Alaska Colleagues and attend this webinar for free! Bring your questions-it's a great chance for us to get together and learn!

Sponsored and/or organized by Registrars' Committee Western Region, Alaska delegation of RC-WR, and the American Association of Museums. Full workshop information available at <http://www.aam-us.org/getinvolved/learn/collectionsconundrums.cfm>. Please note that in-person attendance in Fairbanks or Wasilla is free, but there is a fee to participate via the web.

Space is limited, so RSVP to: Wasilla contact - Bethany Buckingham / 907-373-9071 / bbuckingham@ci.wasilla.ak.us; Fairbanks contact - Angela Linn / 474-1828 / angela.linn@alaska.edu

BECOMING A BETTER PUBLIC LIBRARY MANAGER WITH CPLA®

This item excerpted from an article by Jenifer Grady, Director, American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA)

The American Library Association (ALA) wants to help. In addition to the myriad of professional development offerings from ALA divisions and units, ALA is the sponsor of a national certification program for public librarians who want to improve their management skills. The Certified Public Library Administrator Program (CPLA®) is a key tool for librarians who envision management in their futures, or who are already managers but need to acquire or refresh their skills. Candidates and graduates cite many benefits to the program such as networking, finding solutions to problems, job retention, and being promoted and appointed as directors. Cathy Hakala-Ausperk said, "My CPLA classes are helping me be better at what I do, at a time when we all need to be at our best."

For more information about this program, including fees, course listings and application instructions, please visit <http://www.ala-apa.org/certification/cplaapplication.html>.

LIBRARIES NOT CUT IN NEBRASKA

With all the news of library budget cuts around the country, it is good to report on positive budget news. According to a 7/6/2009 item (http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC/2009/07/lincoln_ne_mayor_includes_libr.html) in the blog of the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC), the mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska has announced that funding has been found to keep two library branches open. From the NLC blog entry:

“The Mayor’s proposed budget includes \$392,730 to keep the two libraries open. Beutler thanked City Council members who worked with him to find the revenue needed to maintain the services. “They share my belief that a great city is more than roads and sewers, more than police and fire,” he said. “While those services are extremely important, they do not create community bonds or lift the spirit the way a neighborhood library or pool can.””

The NLC noted the role of citizen protests against the originally proposed library cutbacks.

TEACHING WITH LC PRIMARY SOURCES

If you or a teacher you know are looking to integrate primary sources into your classroom or other educational venue, check out the new Library of Congress for Teachers site at <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>. Important features of LC for Teachers include:

- A dedicated home page for primary source sets.
- “Using Primary Sources” – A quick introduction to the authentic classroom use of primary sources.
- TPS Direct – A tool to build customized professional development activities for teachers.
- Coming soon, a new search tool just for the classroom materials.

COAST GUARD ON SCENE MAGAZINE GOES PAPERLESS

The US Coast Guard recently announced that *On Scene*, their official journal of search and rescue, will no longer be published in print. Future issues will be electronically published at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg534/> and <http://uscgsar-onscene.blogspot.com/>.

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